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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

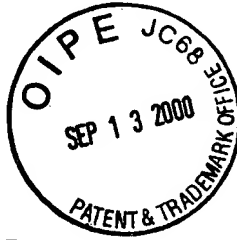
In re Application of

LI GONG

Serial No.: 08/988,431

Filed: December 11, 1997

For: CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A RESOURCE



Group Art Unit: 2785

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2000, please amend the above-

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identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter
and amend claims 1, 7, 11, 17, and 21 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for providing security, the method comprising the steps
of:

detecting when a request for an action is made by a principal; and

in response to detecting the request, determining whether said action is authorized

5 based on permissions associated with a plurality of routines in a calling